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HATfield and Jackson on US
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(BAKER)

X SYRACUSE (UPI) -- SEN. HOWARD BAKER JR., R-TENN., SAID LAST NIGHT PRESIDENT NIXON DID NOT EXAGGERATE THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS LAST WEEK IN AN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM WATERGATE-RELATED ISSUES.

SPEAKING AT TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN, BAKER, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE, SAID PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESPONSE TO LAST WEEK'S MIDDLE EAST CRISIS "PREVENTED THE ANNIHILATION OF THE ISRAELI NATION."

"THERE WAS A REAL, DEADLY THREAT OF MASSIVE INTERVENTION BY THE SOVIET UNION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WAS A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES ITSELF," HE SAID.

BAKER SAID HE HAD URGED THE WHITE HOUSE TO DECLASSIFY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DOCUMENTS DEALING WITH U.S.-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS IN THE RECENT CONFLICT.

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(HATFIELD)

X WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SEN. MARK HATFIELD, R-ORE., IS CONSIDERING ASKING CONGRESS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ANY U.S. FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

HATFIELD SAID SUNDAY THAT WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON'S BILL AUTHORIZING \$2.2 BILLION FOR MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL IS CONSIDERED HE MAY OFFER AN AMENDMENT OUTLAWING THE USE OF ANY FUNDS "TO FINANCE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ANY COMBAT ACTIVITY BY UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES IN OR OVER OR FROM OFF THE SHORES OF ANY COUNTRY IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

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(JACKSON)

X SEATTLE (UPI) -- SEN. HENRY JACKSON, D-WASH., BELIEVES THE SOVIET UNION TOOK ADVANTAGE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S WATERGATE TROUBLES LAST WEEKEND BY TAKING BELLIGERENT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

HE BRUSHED ASIDE SUGGESTIONS THAT THE WORLDWIDE MILITARY ALERT OF UNITED STATES FORCES WAS PHONY OR A TACTIC DESIGNED TO TAKE THE NATION'S MIND OFF THE DOMESTIC SCANDAL.

"OUR PROFESSIONALS--THE MEN IN UNIFORM, OUR INTELLIGENCE FORCES--MET FOR HOURS WEDNESDAY AND CONCLUDED THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WAS A SERIOUS THING," JACKSON SAID SUNDAY.

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